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CANADA'S GREEN PLAN



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SUMMARY OF TARGETS AND INITIATIVES

Clean Air, Water and Land

- **Assurance that citizens today and tomorrow have the clean air, water and land essential to sustaining human and environmental health.**
 - (1) Drinking Water Safety Act
 - (2) Effects of Air Pollution on Health
 - (3) Waste Management and Health
 - (4) Native People and Environmental Contaminants
 - (5) Northern and Arctic Health and the Environment
 - (6) Registry of Health Effects in "Hot Spots"
 - (7) Radiation Assessment and Monitoring
 - (8) Health and Environment Information and Awareness
- **Protection and enhancement of the quality of our water resources and promotion of the wise and efficient use of our water.**
 - (9) Action on Groundwater
 - (10) Indian Health and Water
 - (11) Fraser River Basin Action Plan
 - (12) Restoration of Atlantic "Hot Spots"
 - (13) Pollution Prevention in Our Inland Waters
 - (14) Encourage Wiser Use of Our Water
 - (15) Improve Water Science and Technology
 - (16) More Effective Stewardship of Coastal and Marine Waters
- **Virtual elimination of the discharge of persistent toxic substances into the environment.**
 - (17) National Regulatory Action Plan
 - (18) Promoting Life-Cycle Management of Toxic Substances

- (19) Improving Understanding of Toxic Substances and Their Health Risks
- (20) New Biotechnology Standards
- **Canada-wide reduction of the concentration of ground-level ozone (smog) to below the threshold of health effects in the most susceptible segments of the population.**
 - (21) Controlling and Reducing Emissions
 - (22) Emission Trading Program
 - (23) Verifying Progress
 - (24) International Agreements
- **A 50-per-cent reduction in Canada's generation of waste by the year 2000.**
 - (25) National Waste Reduction Plan
 - (26) Managing Hazardous Wastes
 - (27) Cleaning Up Contaminated Sites
 - (28) Working Internationally

Sustainable Use of Renewable Resources

- **The shifting of forest management from sustained yield to sustainable development.**
 - (29) Models of Sustainable Forestry
 - (30) Promoting Environmental Harmony
 - (31) Informed Canadian Public
 - (32) Conserving Forest Diversity
 - (33) Best Technology
 - (34) National and International Obligations
 - (35) Community Tree-Planting Program
- **Maintenance and enhancement of the natural resources that the agri-food sector uses or affects, and integration of environmental, economic and social factors.**
 - (36) Promoting Soil Conservation
 - (37) Providing a Clean Water Supply
 - (38) Integrating Agriculture and Wildlife
 - (39) Managing Waste and Pollution
 - (40) Protecting Genetic Resources
 - (41) Climate Change and Agriculture
 - (42) Dealing with Pesticides

- **Long-term sustainability of our fisheries resources.**

- (43) National Fisheries Policy and Action Plan
- (44) Enforcement
- (45) Partnership
- (46) Pollution Prevention
- (47) Net Gain of the Productive Capacity of Fish Habitat
- (48) Domestic Action
- (49) International Efforts

Protection of Our Special Spaces and Species

- **The setting aside of 12 per cent of the country as protected space.**

- (50) Completing the Parks System
- (51) Protecting Canada's Natural Heritage
- (52) Establishing Forest Ecological Reserves
- (53) Conserving Canada's Wetlands

- **Completion of the national parks system by the year 2000.**

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- **Maintenance and enhancement of the health and diversity of Canada's wildlife and plants.**

- (54) Improved Wildlife Science and Health Research
- (55) Direct Action to Protect Wildlife Diversity
- (56) New Legislation to Attack Poaching and Illegal Trading
- (57) Strengthened Wildlife Law Enforcement
- (58) Conserving Wildlife Habitat
- (59) Protecting Wildlife Habitat on Agricultural Lands

- **Commemoration and protection of our historical heritage.**

- (60) Commemorating Canada's Historical Heritage
- (61) Protecting Canada's Historical Resources

Preserving the Integrity of Our North

- **Preservation and enhancement of the integrity, health, biodiversity and productivity of Canada's Arctic ecosystems.**

- (62) Contaminants
- (63) Waste Clean-up and Management

- (64) Water Quality and Quantity
- (65) Integrating Environment and Economy

Global Environmental Security

- **Stabilization of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000.**

- (66) Federal-Provincial Planning
- (67) Improving Energy Efficiency
- (68) Promoting Alternative Energy
- (69) Informing and Challenging Canadians
- (70) Agriculture
- (71) Limiting Other Gases: CFCs and Ground-Level Ozone
- (72) Limiting Greenhouse Gases - Beyond First Steps
- (73) Anticipating and Preparing for Global Warming
- (74) Improving Our Understanding of Global Warming
- (75) Stimulating International Action on Global Warming Solutions
- (35) Community Tree-Planting Program

- **Phasing-out of CFCs by 1997, and of methyl chloroform and other major ozone-depleting substances by the year 2000.**

- (76) Accelerating Regulatory Control
- (77) Recovery and Recycling
- (78) Verifying Effectiveness
- (79) International Assistance

- **A 50-per-cent reduction of sulphur dioxide emissions in eastern Canada by 1994. Capping of acid-rain-related emissions in eastern Canada beyond 1994. Extension of the acid rain control program to emissions in western Canada.**

- (80) Expanding Acid Rain Controls
- (81) International Agreements
- (82) Verifying Progress

Environmentally Responsible Decision-Making

- **As a cornerstone of Canada's foreign policy, acceleration of global co-operation, understanding and progress on environmental issues.**

- (83) Strengthening International Institutions

- (84) Advancing International Law
- (85) 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
- (86) Building International Partnerships
- (87) From Globe '90 to Globe '92
- (88) Bilateral Relationships

- **Strengthening of existing environmental partnerships within Canada, while also building new ones.**

- (89) Federal-Provincial-Territorial Partnership
- (90) Strengthening Partnerships with Aboriginal Peoples
- (91) Partnerships with Non-Government Organizations
- (92) Building Partnerships with Industry
- (93) Environmental Partners Fund
- (94) Environmental Choice Program
- (95) Environment Week
- (96) Involving Young Canadians
- (97) Improving Public Consultations

- **Provision of timely, accurate and accessible information to enable Canadians to make environmentally sensitive decisions.**

- (98) State of the Environment Reporting
- (99) Innovative National Accounting and Environmental Indicators
- (100) National Environmental Information Network
- (101) National State of the Environment Organization

- **Development of an environmentally literate society--one in which citizens are equipped with the knowledge, skills and values necessary for action.**

- (102) Canadian Environmental Citizenship Program

- **Strengthening of Canada's environmental science and technology with a special emphasis on understanding regional ecosystems.**

- (103) Science and Technology Action Plan
- (104) Canadian Global Change Program
- (105) Training Canada's Future Environmental Scientists
- (106) Supporting Sound Policy and Regulation
- (107) Bringing Technology to Market
- (108) Innovation Program

- **Balanced use of strong and effective environmental laws with market-based approaches for environmental protection.**

- (109) Stronger Enforcement Mechanisms
- (110) Utilizing Economic Incentives

- **Assurance that the operations and procedures of the federal government exceed national targets and schedules for sustaining our environment.**

- (111) Implementing the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act
- (112) Assessment of Government Policy and Program Initiatives
- (113) Existing Policy and Program Review
- (114) Code of Environmental Stewardship
- (115) Raising Staff Awareness of the Code
- (116) Environmental Audits

Minimizing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies

- **Quick and effective response to threats posed by pollution emergencies due to human activity and naturally occurring environmental emergencies.**

- (117) Role of Canada's Military
- (118) Preventing and Responding to Marine Spills
- (119) Non-Marine Spills
- (120) Prediction and Warning

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